

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 remain pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 being the independent claims. Based on the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,782,476 (hereinafter referred to as "Ishibashi") and in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,017,189 (hereinafter referred to as "DeMello"). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reason.

In response to the non-final office mailed January 25, 2006, Applicants amended independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 to include a similar feature of: wherein the kernel application space is modified for registering the secure content driver with the content decryption component in order for the secure content driver to receive security identity authentication. The Examiner acknowledges that Ishibashi does not teach this feature. The Examiner added DeMello to reject the pending claims and states that DeMello teaches this feature (citing DeMello at col. 2, lines 38-67 and col. 1, lines 47 et. al.). A careful review of DeMello fails to even mention the kernel application space. Accordingly, DeMello does not teach or suggest the kernel application space is modified for registering the secure content driver with the content decryption component in order for the secure content driver to receive security identity authentication. Applicants respectfully assert that Ishibashi and DeMello, either taken alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest each element of pending claims

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1-30. For at least this reason, independent claims 1, 7, 11, 17 and 21 and their respective dependent claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-16, 18-20 and 22-30 are distinguishable from Ishibashi and DeMello, either taken alone or in combination. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections to these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

INVITATION FOR A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned, Molly A. McCall, at (703) 633-3311 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Thus, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of this application.

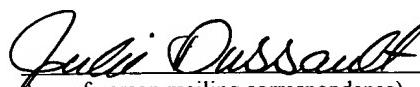
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